

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure on page 47, beginning at line 3, with the following replacement Abstract of the Disclosure:

In order to manufacture the compound powder or the porous granulated substance in an efficient manner, a powder processing apparatus (~~100~~) has an accumulating face (~~3a~~) on which the processing target powder (~~50~~) is to be accumulated and a processing face (~~5a~~) disposed in opposition to the accumulating face (~~3a~~) and convexly curved, and a moving means (~~16~~) for moving the accumulating face (~~3a~~) and the processing face (~~5a~~) along the accumulating face (~~3a~~) relative to each other. The apparatus comprises an excitement treatment means (~~20~~) capable of applying an excitation energy to the processing target powder (~~50~~) accumulated on the accumulating face (~~3a~~) from an excitation energy supplying portion (~~5a~~) disposed in opposition to the accumulating face (~~3a~~) or an oscillation means (~~40~~) for oscillating the accumulating face (~~3a~~) or the processing face (~~5a~~) in a direction intersecting the accumulating face (~~3a~~).

REMARKS

Amendments have been made to the specification in order to conform the application to standard United States patent practice.

Original claims 1-22 have been cancelled and rewritten as claims 23-43 in order to eliminate the multiple dependencies and to conform the claims to standard United States patent practice.

A copy of the amended Abstract of the Disclosure is attached hereto for insertion into the application.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 23-43 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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